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In re Application of: Malcolm Whitman *et al.*
Serial No.: 10/044,442
Filed: 01/11/02
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Group No: 1647
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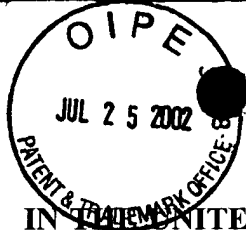
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Prior to the examination of this Application, Applicants respectfully request that the following remarks be entered.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in this Application. Claims 1-16 represent restriction groups I (claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 13 and 14), II (claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 15 and 16), III (claims 9 and 10), and IV (claims 11 and 12) of the restriction requirement mailed in parent application (Ser No 09/087,134) on 6/24/99. A copy of the pending claims is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants respectfully request that these four restriction groups be combined for examination in the presently pending divisional application.

Group 1 relates to a reporter gene assay using a Smad2 fusion protein and a FAST-1 fusion protein. Group II relates to a reporter gene assay using a Smad3 fusion protein and a